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File: [REDACTED] Office: Texas Service Center

Date: MAR 27 2000

IN RE: Petitioner: [REDACTED]
Beneficiary [REDACTED]

Petition: Petition for Alien Fiance(e) Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(K) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(K)

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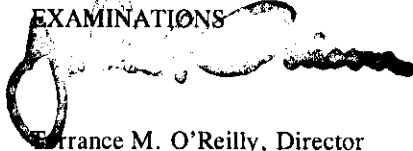
This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office which originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i).

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Any motion must be filed with the office which originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.7.

FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER,
EXAMINATIONS



Frances M. O'Reilly, Director
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DISCUSSION: The nonimmigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center, and is now before the Associate Commissioner for Examinations on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The petitioner is a naturalized citizen of the United States, who had one previous marriage. The beneficiary is a native and citizen of Nigeria. The director denied the petition after determining that the petitioner and the beneficiary were already married.

On appeal, the petitioner states that he could not register the marriage in Nigeria. The petitioner also states that as soon as the beneficiary arrives in the United States, the marriage will be registered in a court of law and the certificate sent to the Service for record purposes.

Section 101(a)(15)(K) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(K), defines "fiance" as:

An alien who is the fiancée or fiancé of a citizen of the United States and who seeks to enter the United States solely to conclude a valid marriage with the petitioner within ninety days after entry....

The Petition for Alien Fiance(e) (Form I-129F) was filed with the Service on April 8, 1999. Form I-129F indicates that the petitioner and the beneficiary were married in Nigeria on January 1, 1999. Since the beneficiary and the petitioner have already entered into a valid marriage, the beneficiary is statutorily ineligible for classification as a fiancée.

The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 1361. The petitioner has not met that burden. This decision is, nevertheless, without prejudice to the filing of a new petition (Form I-130) to classify status of alien relative for issuance of immigrant visa under section 204(a) of the Act, along with the required documentary evidence and fee.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.